

an estrogenic compound and a progestogenic compound derived from 19-nor-progesterone.--

C --22. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the combination is administered continuously --

C --23. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the combination is administered intermittently.--

C --24. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the estrogen is free or esterified estradiol or conjugated ^{equine} ~~equine~~ estrogens.--

C --25. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the estrogen is an ester of estradiol.--

~~26~~ --26. The method of claim ~~25~~ wherein the ester of estradiol is estradiol valerate.--

~~27~~ C --27. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the estrogenic compound of free or esterified estradiol or an ^{equine} ~~equine~~ estrogen is administered at a dose ranging from 0.5 to 3 mg per unit dose.--

--28. The method of claim 27 wherein the free estradiol is administered at a dose of 1.5 mg per unit dose.--

--29. The method of claim 27 wherein the ester of estradiol is administered at a dose of 2 mg per unit dosage.--

--30. The method of claim 27 wherein the conjugated equine estrogen is administered at a dose of 0.625 mg per unit dosage.--

C --31. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the progestative is norgestrol acetate.--

C --32. The method of claim ~~21~~³⁴ wherein the norgestrol acetate is administered at a dose ranging from 1.5 to 3.75 mg per unit dosage.--